

Furnace Warning: Check Your Furnace!

Federal product-safety officials issued a warning to California consumers Sept. 27, 2000, saying that as many as 190,000 attic furnaces made by Consolidated Industries pose an unacceptable fire risk. The suspect heaters are installed horizontally, generally in attics.

The Indiana manufacturer was formerly known as the Premier Furnace Company. The units were sold by at least 18 companies under 34 brand names, including Amana, Coleman, Sears and Trane. Federal officials were negotiating a recall or replacement program when Consolidated declared Chapter 7 bankruptcy this year and liquidated its assets. Most were marketed in the state between 1983 and 1994.

Santee Fire Department advises every homeowner to check their furnace and see if it matches one of those listed below:

<i>COMPANY</i>	<i>TRADE NAME</i>	<i>MODEL</i>
Addison Products Company	Weatherking	GHC
Amana Refrigeration	Amana	GSE-DN
Arco Confort Products	ACP, Arcoaire, Northrup	GHB
Bard Manufacturing	Bard	HG, ESG
Coleman Company, (Evcon Industries)	Coleman	2505-2509B, 2505-2509C
Consolidated Industries	Consolidated	HAC/HCC
DMO Industries	Duromatic-Olsen Olsen, Airco	HCC
Goettl Air Conditioning	American Best Goettl	HCC
Goodman Manufacturing	Franklin Electrick, GMC, Hamilton Electric, Janitrol, Johnstone, Liberty	HAC/HCC/HBA
Heat Controller Inc.	Century, Comfort Aire	GSH
ICG/Keeprite	Keeprite	HAC/HCC
Magic Chef Air Conditioning	Magic Chef	EG/ENG
MLX Refrigeration and Air	Heatmaster	HAC/HCC

Premier Furnace Company	Premier, Sunburst, Sun Glow, P.F.C.	HAC/HCC/HBA
Sears	Kenmore	735
Square D Company	Sundial	GH
Trane Company	Trane, (XE60, XE70), American Standard	THS, THN
Westbrook Distributing	Heatmaster	HAC/HCC

If you have a furnace that is contained in the above list, please have San Diego Gas & Electric check your furnace immediately for both a fire hazard and possible carbon monoxide leak. Contact them at 800.411.7343.

Additional information regarding the furnace warning is available on the Consumer Product Safety Commission hotline at 800.638.2772 or on the commission's website, www.cpsc.gov.

Santee Fire Department recommends that homeowners hire a licensed contractor to inspect gas-fired furnaces annually. Vertical heaters, such as those installed in closets, are not a problem but also should be inspected regularly.